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THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Enclosed is a petition to extend time to respond.
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐

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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In the Office Action dated November 12, 1997, the Examiner reunited Groups I and II of the restriction requirement made on July 8, 1997. In addition the restriction was made final.

The Examiner alleged that Applicants had failed to elect a Group in response to the July 8, 1997 restriction requirement. However, Applicants note that they had elected Group I, claims 1-23 with traverse (*see*, October 2, 1997 response at page 2, lines 5-6).

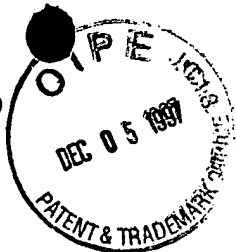
In view of their previous response and the restriction now made final, ***Applicants reiterate their previous election of Group I, with traverse.*** The arguments presented in the October 2, 1997 response being incorporated herein by reference.

As Group II has been reunited with Group I, it is Applicants understanding that Group I, claims 1-23 and reunited Group II, claims 24-38 and 42 are presently under consideration.

Gray *et al.*

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If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (415) 576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom Hunter".

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